GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN NUCLEAR POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation required private investment to increase the capacity addition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to amend the Atomic Energy Act suitably to bring in additionalinvestments in the Nuclear Power Sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the safeguard proposed to be taken while accepting private investments in nuclear sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) The Government of India are open to specific offers for participation by private firms, Indian or foreign in the nuclear power sector. However, the Government have not received any concrete proposals from the private sector so far to set up nuclear power plants in the country. Such offers, when received, would have to be considered on the basis of technical suitability, economic attractiveness, regulatory requirements of our country and the conditions attached to the offers.

(c),(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The proposal to amend the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 to enable private participation in the production of nuclear energy is under active consideration of the Government. The acquisition, production, possession, use, disposal, export or import of the prescribed substances and equipment will continue to be regulated under the relevant provisions of the Act which will take care of the safeguards aspects.